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In re Application of

Tomohiro ISHIHARA, et al.

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For:

METHOD OF PRODUCING GLASS ARTICLE AND GLASS BASE MATERIAL

FOR OPTICAL FIBER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as

follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title to read --METHOD OF PRODUCING GLASS ARTICLE AND

OPTICAL FIBER GLASS PREFORM ---.

Page 8, line 17, please change ", respectively, reference numerals 8 and 9 denote pipes for" to --, respectively, reference numerals 9 and 8 denote pipes for--.

REMARKS

Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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